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June 10, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, AND 2018-19 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program to provide subsidized monthly transit passes to eligible residents in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas for Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program to provide subsidized monthly transit passes for eligible unincorporated County area residents for 5 years commencing on July 1, 2014, through Fiscal Year 2018-19 at an estimated annual cost of \$1,500,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an annual agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue the Transit Pass Subsidy Program for Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an annual agreement, in a form approved by County Counsel, with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to subsidize transit passes for eligible unincorporated County area residents for Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2). The Transit Pass Subsidy Program will reduce monthly transit pass costs for eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, students, and the general public, thereby improving access to multiple municipal transit systems. By administering the Program with LACMTA, the County is able to provide these services to the public in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated annual cost of the Program for each Supervisorial District is shown in Table 1 of the enclosure. The actual costs and future year projections will be reported through each District's Transit Enterprise Fund Status Report.

The estimated cost for each fiscal years' Program is \$1,500,000. The necessary funds are available in each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. Funding for future fiscal years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Program encourages the use of public transit and provides eligible unincorporated County area residents the financial assistance to meet their transit needs.

Since 1985, the Board has approved agreements with LACMTA or its predecessor agencies for the Program. The Program provides subsidized monthly transit passes to eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, and students residing in all unincorporated County areas. The Program also provides subsidized Metro and EZ transit passes for the general public residing in the unincorporated County areas of the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The Program permits the sale of Metro and EZ transit passes as shown in Table 2 of the enclosure.

The Program also calls for LACMTA to review an applicant's address to certify eligibility to participate in the Program and to document which Supervisorial District the applicant resides in. Each eligible applicant receives a certification that must be renewed annually from LACMTA. LACMTA will issue each eligible applicant a 12-month purchase card to ensure that only one pass per person per month is purchased.

The agreement will permit LACMTA to provide subsidized monthly transit passes for eligible unincorporated County area residents and administer the Program at an estimated annual cost to the County of \$1,500,000. The agreement will be approved, as to form, by County Counsel prior to

execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee. The County's payment to LACMTA will be based on the actual cost incurred by LACMTA.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the establishment, modification, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will provide reduced monthly transit pass rates, encourage transit use, and provide improved access to multiple municipal transit systems.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM

TABLE 1

Estimated Annual Costs

District	Subsidy/Certifications	LACMTA Administration	Totals
1	\$1,190,000	\$189,000	\$1,379,000
2	\$62,000	\$10,000	\$72,000
3	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$5,000
4	\$16,000	\$3,000	\$19,000
5	\$22,000	\$3,000	\$25,000
Total	\$1,294,000	\$206,000	\$1,500,000

Note: The actual costs and future year projections will be reported through each District's Transit Enterprise Fund Status Report.

TABLE 2

Pass Subsidy

Pass Category	Regular Cost	County Subsidy	Cost to Eligible County Residents
Metro Senior/Disabled	\$14	\$6	\$8
Metro Student (K-12)	\$24	\$8	\$16
Metro College/Vocational	\$36	\$11	\$25
Metro 30-Day*	\$75	\$14	\$61
EZ Transit Senior/Disabled	\$35	\$14	\$21
EZ Transit*	\$84	\$14	\$70

*County subsidies for the Metro 30-Day and EZ Transit passes are only available to eligible residents in Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

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